

HENDERSONVILLE TREE BOARD PROJECTS 2021

During 2021, Covid-19 restrictions still lingered and affected how and when many Tree Board projects and programs could be held. Thus, the normally-scheduled indoor educational program held at the Library during winter was cancelled. Yet, many outdoor events, including Garden Jubilee, were able to be continued. The Tree Board's NeighborWoods tree-planting projects continue to be popular in neighborhoods throughout the city. And the handsome Bee Mural was completed, now available for daily viewing in the Azalea parking lot, corner of Third Ave. E. and King St.

Thurs., October 26 – Arbor Day Ceremony, Sullivan Park, Martin Circle. About 15 people attended this event on a sunny, cool day to plant a colorful, good-looking autumn blaze maple in the Green Meadows neighborhood. Four Seasons Rotary Club has organized the Arbor Day ceremony, assisted by the City and Tree Board, for about 20 years. Several members of the organization attended along with Tree Board members. Gene Carr, president of Four Seasons Rotary, welcomed all, Mayor Barbara Volk read a proclamation declaring October 26 as Arbor Day in Hendersonville, and Henderson County Ranger, NC Forest Service, Kristen Kelley addressed the group. Public Works Director Tom Wooten and staff members had prepared the site, and then the tree was officially and properly planted. As the group dispersed, a surprise light shower further settled the tree into its well-placed home.



Sat., October 16 – NeighborWoods Project in Druid Hills. About a dozen residents in the historic neighborhood along Higate Rd. planted more than 20 healthy, new trees in their yards. Tree Board members Glenn Lange and Andy Crawford organized this event. Invaluable volunteer students in Hendersonville High Key Club assisted with digging and heavy lifting. Trees were supplied free of charge through the Tree Board's NeighborWoods project. The City delivered the trees and mulch onsite.

Sat., October 9 – NeighborWoods Project at 9th Avenue W/N. Oak St. About 9 residents of this older neighborhood planted 13 new trees to replace older, mature ones. The healthy saplings and mulch were supplied and delivered at no charge through the Tree Board's NeighborWoods project. Tree Board member Debbie Roundtree organized the project for this neighborhood group.

Sun., Sept. 26 – A Guided Walk: Learn About Trees on Main Street. Bill Leatherwood, Consulting Arborist for City of Hendersonville, led a group of interested attendees, telling about the types of trees planted along Historic Main Street and describing behind-the-scene practices and care that keep the downtown arboretum looking good.



June – Pollinator Month. Almost a dozen educational activities were held across the county during the month. All activities were well attended.

May 28-30 – Henderson County Garden Jubilee. Hendersonville Bee City USA and Tree Board shared a booth during this popular annual event on Main St, providing educational materials and a pollinator demonstration. Free seed packets of pollinator-friendly flowers were distributed.

Sat., April 17 --NeighborWoods Project at Green Meadows. 12 residents in this historic neighborhood off 7th Ave. E. received a total of 22 trees, which now beautify their homes and the neighborhood. A dozen students, members of the Interact Club at Hendersonville High, volunteered to help with planting. City staff delivered the large saplings along with mulch for the planting.

Recognition of 30th year of City of Hendersonville as a Tree City USA. A brief ceremony was planned during this NeighborWoods event to display the 30-Year plaque and 30-Year stickers, and the large new Tree City USA flag presented to the City by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.



March 29 thru early May – Bee Mural Project completed. After an over-winter break, painting of the mural resumed in late March. A number of on-site activities were hosted during the month, including Bees and Blooms on Saturdays, vendors, and educational displays. The mural is on the exterior wall of Hands On! Children’s Museum in the Azalea parking lot, corner of Third Ave. East and King St., downtown Hendersonville.

May 1-2 – Community Painting Days at the Bee Mural. This popular event allowed citizens to “paint a petal” on the mural. Volunteers assisted, and paint and brushes were supplied. From very young to older adults, a wide range of participants put their mark on the mural.



May 13 – Dedication of the Bee and Pollinator Mural and Pollinator Garden. With officials from Hendersonville City, City staff, volunteers, Joseph Knight, director of Hands On! Children’s Museum, and a speech by the Mayor of Hendersonville, the mural was officially dedicated. Muralist Matt Willey spoke as well as Kim Bailey, coordinator of the mural project. Pollinator-friendly landscaping in the parking areas and underneath the mural was in-place.